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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON CSCE TIMING

1. IN RECENT TALKS WITH EMBOFF, FRENCH CSCE REP JACQUES ANDREANI OFFERED FOLLOWING OPINIONS RE CSCE TIMETABLE.

2. MINISTERIAL MEETING. ANDREANI SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED WHETHER ALLIES WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE MPT IV, ANALYZE ITS RESULTS, AND ADEQUATELY PREPARE FOR OPENING CSCE MINISTERIAL BY LATE JUNE. HE THOUGHT IT MORE PRUDENT TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR ALLIES' PREPARATIONS AND SAW " LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CALLING A MINISTERIAL IN EARLY JULY AS DISTINCT FROM LATE JUNE".

3. SECOND- STAGE COMMISSIONS. ANDREANI ALSO WONDERED WHETHER
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THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME AVAILABLE IN JULY TO PERMIT MEANINGFUL START OF WORK BY COMMISSIONS AND SUB- COMMISSIONS. HE BELIEVED THAT AT BEST THE COMMISSIONS COULD MAKE ONLY A PRO FORMA BEGINNING OF THEIR WORK, WHICH COULD ONLY GET UNDER WAY IN EARNEST IN SEPTEMBER. AS FOR VENUE OF SECOND-STAGE WORK, ANDREANI EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN " ROMANIAN IDEA OF MOVING COMMISSIONS FROM HELSINKI TO OTHER EUROPEAN CITIES."

4. THIRD- STATE CONFERENCE. FURTHER ARGUING THAT COMMISSIONS MIGHT REQUIRE " THREE OR FOUR MONTHS" TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK, ANDREANI BELIEVED THIRD- STAGE CONFERENCE MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE END OF THE YEAR.

5. IN RESPONSE TO ANDREANI' S FORECAST, EMBOFF EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT STILL SEEMED QUITE POSSIBLE TO CON-VENE MINISTERIAL IN JUNE AND LAUNCH COMMISSIONS IN JULY, IF ONLY TO GET BALL ROLLING BEFORE AUGUST VACATIONS. AS FOR THIRD- STAGE CONFERENCE, EMBOFF SPECULATED THAT IF COMMISSIONS WORKED HARD THROUGH SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, THEY MIGHT CON-CEIVABLY COMPLETE THEIR TASKS BEFORE NOVEMBER. IF SO, FINAL CONFERENCE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN THE FALL.

6. COMMENT: ANDREANI' S POSITION ON TIMETABLE REFLECTS CON-TINIUING FRENCH DISGRUNTLEMENT OVER CSCE/ MBFR CALENDAR SKETCHED OUT IN NOTE GIVEN DR. KISSINGER BY BREZHNEV LAST SEPTEMBER 12. DESPITE CAREFUL U. S.
COORDINATION OF TIMETABLE AMONG NATO ALLIES, FRENCH WILL DOUBTLESS CONTINUE TO RESIST TARGET DATES WE SUGGEST--
EVEN WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETELY ISOLATED ON THIS MATTER WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. IN SO DOING, THEY SEEK TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONTINUING " INDEPENDENCE" VIS- A- VIS BOTH THE U. S. AND USSR. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT AFTER MAKING THEIR POINT THEY WILL ACCEPT CONCENSUS. GDS
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